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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: August 18, 2004
Meeting Time: 1:00 P.M.
Meeting Place: Ball State University, Art and
Journalism Building
Meeting City: Muncie, Indiana
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present: Sen. David Ford, Chairperson; Sen. Greg Server;
Sen. Richard Young; Rep. Terry Austin; Rep. Matt Pierce, Vice-Chairperson; Rep.
Ryan Dvorak; Rep. Steven Heim; Rep. Eric Koch; Rep. Jack Lutz.

Members Absent: Sen. Murray Clark; Sen. Lindel Hume; Sen. Sam Smith.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Senator David Ford called the second meeting of the Interim Study Committee on Technology Issues to order at 1:11 p.m. Senator Ford reviewed the study topics assigned to the Committee and introduced the Committee members. Dr. Beverly Pitts, Provost of Ball State University (BSU), welcomed the Committee to the BSU campus.

II. Technologically Enhanced Teaching and Learning, Dr. O'Neal Smitherman, Vice President for Information Technology

Dr. Smitherman discussed BSU's development of new interactive media, such as electronic field trips for K-12 classrooms. BSU is a partner with Movielink in the digital

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distribution of movies and other media to universities. BSU also is involved in the internet distribution of learning materials in K-12 education. A copy of Dr. Smitherman's presentation is attached as Exhibit A.

Dr. Smitherman also discussed the use of public television towers to provide high definition broadband access to eighty percent (80%) of Indiana's population. Representative Pierce suggested the possibility of using the existing I-light broadband platform to deploy wireless internet access. Representatives Pierce and Koch debated the role of government in providing internet access.

III. Industrial Technology, Dr. Richard Seymour, BSU, Department of Industry and Technology

Dr. Seymour reviewed BSU's technology education curriculum, which is designed to promote technological literacy. Dr. Seymour stated that the challenge facing BSU and Indiana's technology educators is to develop dynamic technology programs to prepare students for the future. For further study of technology education, Dr. Seymour referred the Committee to the website of the Technology Educators of Indiana at www.teiwww.org. A copy of Dr. Seymour's presentation is attached as Exhibit B.

IV. Senate Concurrent Resolution 36, Stephen Key, Hoosier State Press Association

Mr. Key discussed Senate Concurrent Resolution 36 concerning the impact of technological advances on Indiana's Open Door (IC 5-14-1.5) and Public Records (IC 5-14-3) laws. See Exhibits C and D. Mr. Key addressed three issues and presented the Committee with proposed statutory language for each issue. First, Mr. Key distinguished between emails sent and received from public versus home computers. See Exhibit E. Second, Mr. Key related several anecdotes about the use of serial meetings to avoid having a quorum of members present and triggering the Open Door laws. See Exhibit F. Finally, Mr. Key discussed the use of remote electronic participation in public meetings and the importance of requiring a physical quorum. See Exhibit G.

V. Additional Business

Senator Ford received comments from audience member Matt Brase of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. On behalf of the Committee, Senator Ford thanked President Jo Ann Gora, Jeff Linder, and Tom Morrison of Ball State University, and Mark Shublak of Ice Miller for their assistance in facilitating the Committee's meeting.

VI. Next Meeting

The third meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2004, on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis.

VII. Adjournment

Senator Ford adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.